

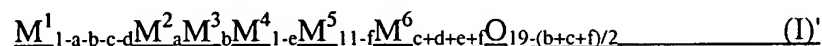
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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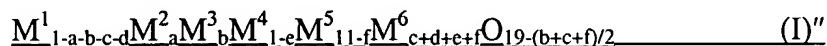
1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended): A phosphor according to claim ~~1~~ 3 or 4, wherein c, d, e and f satisfy the condition $0.001 \leq c+d+e+f \leq 1$.

3. (currently amended): A phosphor ~~according to claim 1 or 2, for vacuum~~
ultraviolet ray-excited light-emitting elements which comprises a compound represented by the
following formula (I)':



wherein M^1 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Y and Gd,
 M^2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ce and Tb, M^3 is at least one
element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr and Ba, M^4 consists of Mg and Zn, M^5 is at
least one element selected from the group consisting of Al and Ga, and M^6 is at least one element
selected from the group consisting of Mn and Eu, and a, b, c, d, e and f are numbers satisfying
the conditions of $0 < a < 1$, $0 < b < 0.6$, $0 < c < 0.5$, $0 < d < 0.5$, $0 < e < 1$, $0 < f < 1$, $a+b+c+d < 1$, and
 $0 < c+d+e+f$, respectively.

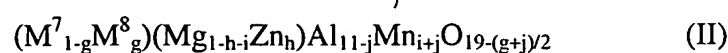
4. (currently amended): A phosphor according to claim 1 or 2, for vacuum ultraviolet ray-excited light-emitting elements which comprises a compound represented by the following formula (I)'':



wherein M^1 consists of La and Y, M^2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ce and Tb, M^3 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr and Ba, M^4 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Mg and Zn, M^5 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Al and Ga, and M^6 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Mn and Eu, and a, b, c, d, e and f are numbers satisfying the conditions of $0 < a < 1$, $0 < b < 0.6$, $0 < c < 0.5$, $0 < d < 0.5$, $0 < e < 1$, $0 < f < 1$, $a+b+c+d < 1$, and $0 < c+d+e+f$, respectively.

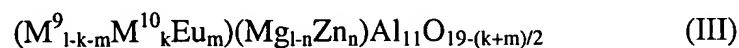
5. (currently amended): A phosphor according to claim 1 or 2, wherein M^5 is Al.

6. (currently amended): A phosphor according to claim 1 which comprises a compound represented by the following formula (II):



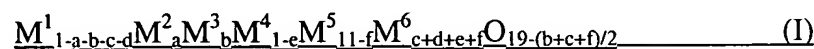
(wherein M^7 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Y and Gd and M^8 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr and Ba, and g, h, i and j are numbers satisfying the conditions of $0 < g \leq 0.6$, $0 \leq h \leq 1$, $0 \leq i \leq 0.5$, $0 \leq j \leq 0.5$, $h+i \leq 1$, and $0 < i+j \leq 0.5$, respectively).

7. (currently amended): A phosphor according to ~~claim 1~~ which comprises a compound represented by the following formula (III):



{wherein M^9 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Y and Gd and M^{10} is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr, and Ba, and k, m and n are numbers satisfying the conditions of $0 < k \leq 0.6$, $0 < m \leq 0.4$, $0 \leq n \leq 1$, and $k+m < 1$, respectively}.

8. (currently amended): A vacuum ultraviolet ray-excited light-emitting element comprising ~~the a phosphor described in claim 1 or 2~~ for vacuum ultraviolet ray-excited light-emitting elements which comprises a compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein M^1 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Y and Gd, M^2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ce and Tb, M^3 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr and Ba, M^4 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Mg and Zn, M^5 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Al and Ga, and M^6 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Mn and Eu, and a, b, c, d, e and f are numbers satisfying the conditions of $0 \leq a < 1$, $0 < b < 0.6$, $0 < c < 0.5$, $0 \leq d < 0.5$, $0 \leq e < 1$, $0 \leq f < 1$, $a+b+c+d < 1$, and $0 < c+d+e+f$, respectively.

9. (new): A vacuum ultraviolet ray-excited light-emitting element comprising the phosphor of claim 2.